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MAGNETIC ENCODER AND WHEEL SUPPORT BEARING ASSEMBLY USING THE

SAME

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 6, 2007, having a shortened period for response set to expire on May 6, 2007, applicants elect Species b of Group I directed to a powdery magnetic material and claim 5 readable thereon and Species e of Group II directed to a powdery non-magnetic material and claim 9 readable thereon. Claim 1 is generic. Applicants reserve the right to further prosecute without prejudice the non-elected Species a and c of Group I and Species d of Group II and the claims readable thereon.

If there are any additional fees associated with this Response, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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Respectfully submitted,

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